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BEGIN SUMMARY. THE FOREIGN OFFICE HAS TOLD US THAT
NOTHING CAME OF THE BONDARENKO VISIT TO BONN. THERE WAS
NO MEETING OF THE MINDS ON THE THREE AGREEMENT IN
WHICH A BERLIN CALUSE IS AT ISSUE.
BONDARENKO SAID BREZHNEV WOULD NOT COME TO GERMANY
UNTIL AFTER THE OCTOBER ANNIVERSARY. END SUMMARY.

1. MEYER-LANDRUT, THE FRG MINISTERIAL DIRECTOR FOR
SOVIET AND EAST EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, HAS TOLD THE POLITICAL
COUNSELOR THAT NOTHING CAME OF THE BONDARENKO VISIT TO
THE FRG THIS WEEK. BONDARENKO AND VAN WELL SPENT ALMOST
ALL THE TIME DISCUSSING THE POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR
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INCLUDING BERLIN IN THE CULTURAL PROTOCOL AND THE
SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL ACCORD. HOWEVER, NO MEETING OF
THE MINDS WAS REACHED.

2. MEYER-LANDRUT SAID VAN WELL AND BONDARENKO TRIED TO
DRAFT A POSSIBLE BERLIN CLAUSE ON THE SCIENTIFIC-
TECHNICAL ACCORD, BUT THE DRAFT WAS SO FULL OF

BRACKETED LANGUAGE THAT THERE SEEMED LITTLE PROSPECT FOR RESOLVING THE DIFFERENCES SOON. MEYER-LANDRUT SAID THE SOVIETS APPEARED INTENT ON MAINTAINING THEIR OWN POSITION AND PRETTIFYING THE LANGUAGE TO ATTEMPT TO MAKE THAT POSITION MORE PALATABLE TO THE FRG; HOWEVER, THEY DID NOT APPEAR READY TO ACCEPT THE FRG'S LANGUAGE.

3. MEYER-LANDRUT SAID THERE HAD BEEN SOME THINKING IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE ABOUT GETTING AWAY FROM FOCUS ON THE THREE AGREEMENTS LACKING BERLIN CLAUSES. HOWEVER, THE SOVIET UNION APPEARED DETERMINED TO SETTLE THESE THINGS BEFORE IT WOULD DEAL WITH OTHER TOPICS.

4. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, MEYER-LANDRUT OBSERVED, IT SEEMED DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHY BONDARENKO CAME AT ALL. HE ASSUMED IT WAS BECAUSE THE SOVIETS HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE RECENT GERMAN INITIATIVE TO RESUME CONVERSATIONS ON THESE TOPICS SUGGESTED THE FRG WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT MOSCOW'S POSITION. CERTAINLY, MEYER-LANDRUT SAID, BONDARENKO HAD NOT SHOWN ANY READINESS TO CHANGE SOVIET VIEWS.

5. BONDARENKO TOLD THE GERMANS THAT "BECAUSE OF THE MANY ITEMS ON HIS SCHEDULE" BREZHNEV WOULD BE UNABLE TO COME TO THE FRG UNTIL AFTER THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION. WHEN MENTIONING THIS, MEYER-LANDRUT SAID HE BELIEVED IT REFLECTED A SOVIET DESIRE

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TO RELATE THEIR POLICY ON GERMANY TO THE OUTCOME OF THE US-SOVIET SALT NEGOTIATIONS. IT APPEARED TO HIM THAT THE SOVIETS EXPECTED TO KNOW BY THEN WHICH WAY THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS WERE GOING, AND THEY WOULD THEN DECIDE WHETHER TO BE MORE OR LESS FRIENDLY TO THE FRG. DESPITE THE DELAY IN BREZHNEV'S POSSIBLE ARRIVAL, MEYER-LANDRUT SAID GENSCHER WOULD STILL GO TO MOSCOW IN JUNE AS PLANNED. BEFORE GENSCHER'S TRIP, THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE ANOTHER VAN WELL-BONDARENKO MEETING IN BONN OR MOSCOW.

5. MEYER-LANDRUT SAID IT APPEARED TO HIM THAT SOVIET POLICY, IN THE WAKE OF HELSINKI AND OF THE EAST EUROPEAN UNREST SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, WAS BASED VERY HEAVILY ON MOSCOW'S CONCERN FOR STABILITY IN EASTERN EUROPE. THIS MEANT THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO DO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT IN THE GDR (PRESUMABLY INCLUDING SOME BREAKTHROUGH ON FRG REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN INTERESTS).

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6. MEYER-LANDRUT SAID THE FRG WOULD PROVIDE A DETAILED BRIEFING ON SOVIET-GERMAN RELATIONS TO THE US, UK AND FRANCE IN THEIR CAPITALS. THEY WOULD NOT USE THE BONN GROUP ON THIS OCCASION BECAUSE THEY WISHED TO AVOID ANY IMPLICIT OBLIGATION TO BRIEF ANY OTHER COUNTRIES IN BONN. HE ALSO ADDED THAT THE GERMANS HOPED TO INTRODUCE SOME DISCUSSION OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS INTO THE FOUR-POWER LONDON CONSULTATIONS, THOUGH HE EXPECTED THAT THE FRG WOULD INTRODUCE THIS TOPIC AT THE POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEVEL RATHER THAN AT THE LEVEL OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OR MINISTERS.

7. COMMENT: FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH, A COUNSELOR AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY HAS TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR THAT THE SOVIETS ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE THREE OUTSTANDING AGREEMENTS BECAUSE THEY FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT LINKED TO BREZHNEV'S

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